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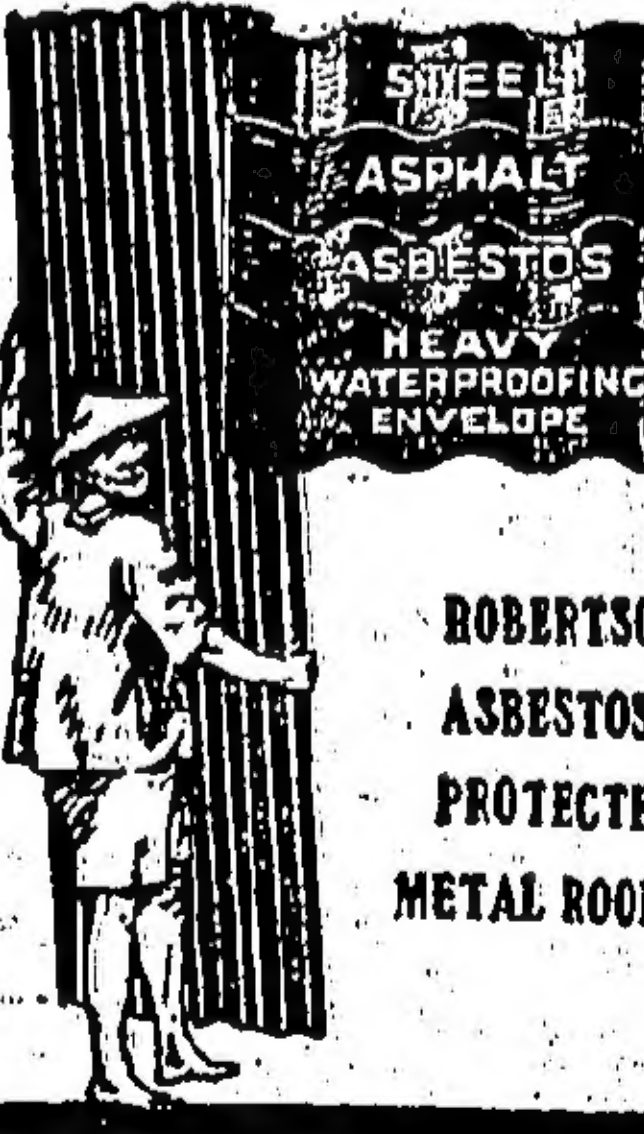
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BOMBS AGAIN.

ARRESTED CHINESE IN COURT.

INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE.

The case in which an unemployed Chinese fitter and two women are charged with unlawful possession of two bombs is interesting in the light of the recent outrage at Hung-hom.
Defendants were again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning when Detective Inspector T. Murphy said that his instructions were to ask for another week's remand as the result of subsequent developments since they were brought to court the last time.
The application was granted.

AFTER 28 YEARS.

PRESENTATION TO INSPECTOR T. CASHMAN.

LEAVING FOR CORK.

On the occasion of his retirement after 28 years' service with the local police force, Divisional Inspector T. Cashman, who leaves for home tomorrow on the s.s. "Kashmir" was the recipient yesterday of a presentation on behalf of his colleagues.
The farewell gifts consisted of a silver tea service, tray and cake basket, bearing the inscription "Presented to Divisional Inspector Cashman by his colleagues of the Hongkong Police Force on the occasion of his retirement, March 12, 1926."

The presentation was made by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, who referred to the retiring officer's service in the Force and said that he was a painstaking officer with an excellent record.
Inspector Cashman suitably replied.

Among those present were Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. C. G. Rordue (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), Captain Bloxham, Mr. W. R. Scott (A.S.P.), Chief-Inspector W. Kent and Chief-Detective Inspector J. Grant.

On reaching home, Inspector and Mrs. Cashman with their four children, intend to settle down in Cork.

AVOID COMMITMENTS

PRIME MINISTER'S ADVICE TO M.P.'S.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 11.
In the House of Commons, Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, Labour Leader, asked the Prime Minister (Mr. S. Baldwin) whether he had any communication to make as to how he proposed to deal with the Coal Commission's report.

The Prime Minister replied: "No; but I have asked the members of the Cabinet to examine the report with the greatest care and sense of responsibility with a view to arriving, after a study of it, at definite conclusions with regard to the numerous questions in which Government action is involved. I very much hope that all parties concerned will study the report and weigh the evidence and conclusions, and avoid commitments."

An Early Summons.
Later, it was announced that three mine owners' representatives and three miners' leaders had been called to see the Prime Minister this evening.

The Executives of both sides had spent the day preparing their respective views on the Coal Commission's report, but apparently neither side had looked for this early summons to Downing Street.

[An earlier cable appears in our commercial section on page 2.]

MERCANTILE BANK.

The local office of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., has received a telegram from the London Office advising that at the annual general meeting of shareholders a final dividend of 8 per cent on the "A," "B" and "C" shares will be declared (making 60 per cent for the year 1925 less income tax); that £50,000 be carried to reserve fund (raising it to £1,850,000) and that £162,000 be carried forward.

As compared with last year the dividend and amount carried to reserve are the same. The amount carried forward last year was £158,000.

VICAR APOSTOLIC.

SUCCESSOR TO BISHOP POZZONI.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED.

The Very Rev. Father Spada has received a telegram from the headquarters at Milan that the Holy Father Pope Pius XI. has been pleased to nominate the Very Rev. Father Valtorta to be the Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong in succession to the late Bishop D. Pozzoni.

The Very Rev. Fr. Henry Valtorta was born in 1883 at Carate (Milano, Italy). He studied at the Theological University of Milan, was ordained in 1907, and arrived in Hongkong in October, 1907, when he was assigned for work in the New Territories, the Sub-Prefecture of Po-On, Weichow, and Hoi-fong. He also has been Military and Naval Chaplain to the Roman Catholics in Hongkong, and is now Rector of St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley. He is a good linguist and his scientific attainments augur well for a successful career.

STRANGE CONDUCT.

SOLICITOR AND A POLICE PROSECUTION.

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT.

The action of Mr. C. A. S. Russ in deciding not to prosecute in a police case which he had undertaken was described by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court as extraordinary.
The case concerned a Chinese who was charged with an alleged attempt to defraud his employers, a compradore firm, by destroying certain chits for goods supplied in his position as canteen manager on H.M.S. "Titania."

Mr. M. H. Turner, for the defence, explained that he had seen Mr. Russ and the latter wished to withdraw from the case, as he was unable to make out even a prima facie case against the defendant. Mr. Lindsell pointed out that a case had already been made out on one charge.

Continuing, Mr. Turner said that the assistant manager, who kept the books and had charge of the finances of the canteen, had disappeared, and probably he was the man who should be there to answer the charge.

Mr. Lindsell thought it was serious to arrest a man, and in discharging the defendant he suggested that the breach of courtesy on the part of Mr. Russ should be reported to the Captain Superintendent of Police because the police were the real prosecutors in the case.

AZALEA BLOOMS.

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBIT IN COURT.

A COOLIE'S "FIND."

The table at Major Wilson's Court which generally holds a motley array of bail books and other property during the hearing of cases was decorated this morning with azalea blooms.

This horticultural exhibit was provided by a scavenging coolie, who, in answer to a charge of unlawful possession, claimed to have found the branch of flowers in a side channel. Evidence, however, showed that he took it from Government property in Garden Road.

Remarkable that it was a wilful piece of damage, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, or fourteen days' imprisonment.

The Home mail (letters only, London February 11) via Negapatnam is due at 5 p.m. to-day.

Internal haemorrhage was stated to be the cause of the sudden death yesterday of a house-boy in the employment of Mr. E. L. Pliguet, of No. 10, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

Boat people in the vicinity of the Bowrington canal rescued from the water a woman who attempted to commit suicide yesterday.

The loss of a Remington typewriter, valued at \$100, and \$40 in money is reported to have been taken place from a University student's room at Elliot Hall.

CHINA STATION.

SECURITY OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

"VINDICTIVE" DISCLOSURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 11.

In the House of Commons, in the course of his statement on the Navy Estimates, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that during last year the presence of His Majesty's ships on the China Station had done something to add to the feeling of security of British subjects there.

Commander D. C. Burney (Conservative, Uxbridge) interposed: "Are you going to send out any more?"
Mr. Bridgeman did not reply but disclosed that the Vindictive (which is at present in Hongkong) is the first British cruiser to carry catapult-launched aeroplanes.

FREE FIGHT.

SCENES IN JAPANESE DIET.

BATTERED HEADS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, March 12.

Last night the session of the diet was broken up in the wildest disorder owing to general fighting with fists between members of the Government and the Seiyukai Parties.

There were numerous battered heads and noses, but no serious results, the police separating the combatants. The fight was caused by the debate over charges and countercharges of political scandals.

It is intimated that the Diet may be prorogued.
A telegram of March 5 stated the Diet is investigating alleged scandals with regard to military administration during the period when Baron Chichi Tanaka was Minister of War. Large sums are stated to be involved. The Government Party is making a strong attack as Baron Tanaka is now president of the Seiyukai.

[A Tokyo report of March 6 stated: G. Mikame, former Military Paymaster, has reported against both Marshal G. Tanaka, President of the Seiyukai Party, and Marshal H. Yamamashi, who are alleged to have misappropriated military secret service funds while the two Marshals were in actual service. The charge has been taken up by the Tokyo Public Prosecutor's Office. The case is reported to involve Yen 3,000,000 with a large quantity of gold bullion and alluvial gold which were seized in Siberia during the War.]

DUTCH POLITICS.

COMPOSITION OF NEW CABINET.

NO POLITICAL PARTIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Hague, March 11.

In the Second Chamber the new Premier, Jonkheer de Geer, emphasised that the new Cabinet was strictly extra-Parliamentary and no member should be regarded as representing any political Party.

The Government aimed at economy, reduction of taxation, vigorous co-operation international with a view to the general limitation of armaments, the establishment of a Ministry of National Defence by the fusion of the Ministries of War and Marine, a continuation of the policy of reducing the fighting services, including, inter alia, entrusting the defence of the country to mobile forces, and increasing the country's prosperity by the conclusion of Treaties of Commerce and opening new markets abroad.

The Government would resign as soon as a Parliamentary majority was formed. It would give an opportunity to decide the question whether the Legation should continue to be maintained at the Holy See.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/8 7/16.

PROSPECTS GOOD.

H.K. ELECTRIC COMPANY MEETING.

INCREASE IN SALES.

Increases in both sales and the number of consumers were reported to-day at the 37th ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., held at the offices of the company (F. & O. building) this morning.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang presided. He was supported by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. T. G. Weall (directors) and Mr. F. R. Marsh, M.I.E.E., (manager).

Shareholders present were Messrs.—A. H. Compton, T. E. Pearce, Henry Humphreys (as attorney for Mrs. Dora Armstrong), L. J. Davies, C. W. Sellers, P. E. Barker, V. Sorby, C. G. Alabaster, J. T. Bagram, G. Murray, L. E. Ozorio, O. Baptista, O. F. Ribeiro, H. Kuntze, Leung Yan-po, Wong Ping-sun, Lo Chang-kue, Chan Lim-too, Leung Fat-tin, Ip Fook, Tong Hin-pong, Wong Hing-kwong.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:—"Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission we will follow the usual procedure and take them as read."

"The net profit for the year after making due allowance for depreciation is \$1,309,965.12 and with the sum of \$124,153.54 brought forward from last account we have \$1,434,118.76 for appropriation."

"With this sum we propose:—
To pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 800,000 shares absorbing \$750,000.
To place to reserve, \$600,000.
To carry forward to next account, \$84,118.76."

"The dividend and the amount placed to reserve are the same as for last year."

"The sales of current in 1925 amounted to a little over 25 million units as compared with 23 1/2 million units in 1924. This output is below our estimate due to the disturbed industrial conditions prevailing during the second half of the year. We were able, however, to connect up during the year 1,142 new consumers so that with the return to normal times we may confidently expect a further increase in the demand for electricity."

"The capital expenditure for 1925 amounted to \$830,906 and you will notice that the greater part of this was spent on mains and sub-station plant."

26 Miles of Cables.

"During the year we laid over 26 miles of underground cable and equipped five additional high tension sub-stations."

"We have extended our sub-stations by the purchase of No. 3, Wing Kut Street, where the building has been reconstructed, and at Pokfulam where we are erecting a new building upon land leased from the Mission Evangelists. Both these sub-stations will be equipped during the present year. We have also purchased a site on the main road at Shaukiwan and tenders have been accepted for the sub-station building which will be put in hand in the near future."

"Good progress was made with the scheme for housing the Company's technical staff and at the end of the year the thirteen houses at Causeway Hill were nearing completion."

"Our plant at North Point has been thoroughly overhauled during the year. We have fitted the two original turbines with a more modern system of condensing plant in place of the older pattern now out of date. A new boiler was put into commission in March and this addition fills up all the available plant space in the generating station buildings. Several minor improvements have been made in our boiler house plant from which we expect increased economy."

"We have installed a private automatic telephone system connecting our offices, workshops and most of our sub-stations, and this has proved to be a great convenience."

"During the strike over 450 of

THE BANK CASE.

NO HEARING THIS MORNING.

FINISH TO-DAY?

Owing to pressure of Court chamber work, there was no hearing this morning of the case in which Moxon and Taylor claim \$37,600 alleged to have been lent by them to the Man Chuen Bank.

The case is being continued this afternoon when there is a possibility of its ending.

In the witness box yesterday, Mr. H. A. Lammett said that G. P. and H. A. Lammett were acting as agents of the Man Chuen Bank in the transaction which was the subject of the case. If the contract had been fulfilled, they would have been entitled to \$150 from the buyer. In reply to Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Lammett said that he did not know what under the agency contract G. P. and H. A. Lammett would have been losers by completing it.

Mr. Jenkins pointed out that Lammetts would have had to pay \$39,300 on Settlement Day whereas they would only have got \$39,200 from the Man Chuen Bank. That would entail a loss of 50 cents a share.

Mr. Jenkins: I put it to you, Mr. Lammett, that there is only one explanation to this document, and that is you were not agents for the bank.

Mr. Lammett: A mistake was probably made by the clerk who typed it out, or Messrs. Moxon and Taylor were willing to waive something. We would not have a loss in that way, although we were very friendly with the Man Chuen Bank.

At this stage the case was adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heilbroun arrived in the Colony to-day from Manila by the "President Wilson."

A stone falling from the first floor of a house at Bridges Street alighted on the head of a Chinese. At another place a woman was struck on the head with a falling bamboo. Both had to be sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

Our Chinese workmen left without notice. We have, however, a competent European staff and with the assistance of our local staff and those Chinese who remained loyal we were able to maintain a normal supply of electricity. Great credit is due to our European staff for the successful maintenance of the supply during a trying period and for the rapid training of new workmen to take the place of those who left and have not returned to our service, and I take this opportunity of placing on record the directors' appreciation of their ability to cope with an emergency of this nature.

"After the strike in 1922 we decided as far as possible to install labour saving devices in connection with our North Point plant, and these improvements together with our modern system of distributing from sub-stations were of great help to us during the labour troubles of last year."

"I should like to draw your attention to the 1926 edition of our book containing particulars of the supply and scale of charges, etc., copies of which you will find on your chairs."

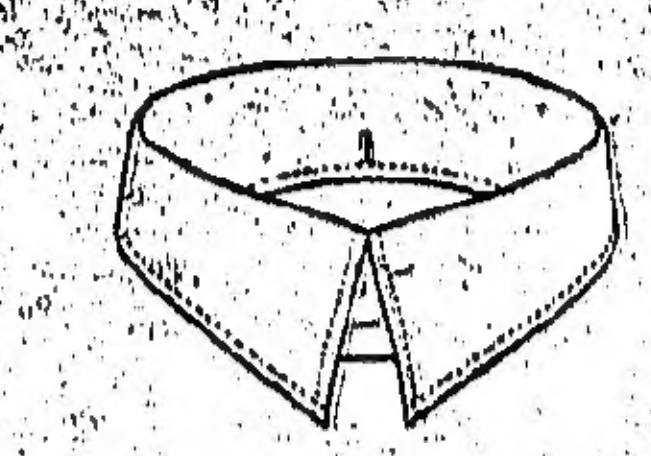
"The book has been brought up to date and is now printed in English and Chinese. You will notice that we sell current for lighting from 16 cents to 8.8 cents per unit depending upon the amount consumed and that in addition we give a cash discount on any lighting accounts of \$15 or over provided these are paid within a stated time. Several other modifications have been made in our charges and these I feel certain our consumers will appreciate."

"There is nothing further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1925, be adopted. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask."

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HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid-up \$30,000,000
 Reserve Funds:
 Sterling \$1,500,000
 Silver \$27,000,000
 Reserve Liability of \$20,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
 D. G. M. Marshall, Esq., Chairman
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CHIEF MANAGER:
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Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

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 LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED
 DEPOSITS received for one year or
 shorter periods in Local Currency and
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 per annum. Should there be no balance
 on any day in a month no interest will
 be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their
 option Balance of \$100 or more to the
 HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK
 to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at
 CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
 BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. H. BARLOW,
 Chief Manager,
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

HEAD OFFICE:
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Subscribed Capital Frs. 75,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00
 Reserve Fund Frs. 59,887,288.84

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 Union Bank of England, Ltd., Comptoir
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and
 Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
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A. LECOT,
 Manager,
 Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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 Reserve Fund G. 20,000,000 2,121,400
 Special Reserve G. 22,650,000 2,125,000

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J. C. MAASSEN,
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 Singapore, Soerabaya, Swatow,
 Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts
 and Fixed Deposits. Terms on applica-
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Deposits received for fixed periods at
 rates to be obtained on application.
 C. ARIMA,
 Manager,
 Hongkong, March 11, 1926.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

18, Des Vaux Road Central Hongkong.
 Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
 Reserve Fund (1925) 1,200,000

DIRECTORS:
 Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Chairman.
 Fung Ping Shan, Mok Ching Kong,
 Li Koon Chun, Wong Yung Tung,
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 Paid-up Frs. 18,000,000—
 Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000—

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 Saigon, Shanghai, Tientsin,
 Canton, Hongkong.

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 Reserve Liability of Pro-
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and
 FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year
 or shorter period at rates which will be
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A. H. FERGUSON,
 Manager,
 Hongkong, 18th April, 1925.

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 (Taiwan Bank.)

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Capital Subscribed Yen 4,000,000
 Capital (Paid-up) Yen 3,975,000

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 Osaka.

FORMOSA:—Gilan, Kagi, Karemko,
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 chiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao,
 Tamsui, Teyan, Hsichu, Taichu.

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 Foochow, Swatow, Canton.

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 Philippines, Java, Africa, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and
 Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on applica-
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T. TAKAGI,
 Manager,
 HONGKONG BRANCH:
 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1925.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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 Mandate of the Republic of China
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Authorized Capital \$50,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital \$15,278,800.00
 Reserve Fund \$5,825,425.24

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C. ARIMA,
 Manager,
 Hongkong, March 11, 1926.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.



W. C. DURANT.

W. C. Durant, the automobile
 manufacturer, was reported seriously
 injured in a train wreck in Florida.

TRADE FACILITIES.

Guarantee For New Kent Coal
 Field.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 11.

In the House of Commons after an
 all-night sitting in the Committee
 stage on the Trade Facilities Bill,
 discussion chiefly centring on the
 Government proposal to guarantee
 £2,000,000 to the new Kent coal-
 field, Labour members moved an
 amendment to eliminate the guaran-
 tee on the ground that 200,000
 miners were already unemployed,
 and the guarantee would only lead
 to further unemployment.

A number of Conservatives, in
 addition to the Labour members,
 protested against the policy of
 guaranteeing unnecessary new un-
 der takings in competition with
 established industries. Mr. E.
 Thurstle (Labour, Shoreditch) in-
 stancing the guarantee in respect
 of the Malay Tin Dredgers' object-
 ing to the Government going out
 of its way to increase the Malay
 output of tin when the Cornish tin
 industry was depressed.

The amendment was rejected by
 148 to 66 votes.

Trade With Russia.

In the course of the discussion
 Mr. R. C. Wallhead (Labour,
 Morley) moved an amendment,
 which was finally rejected by 133
 to 48, that no application for a new
 guarantee should be rejected on
 the ground that the trade requir-
 ing assistance was between the
 United Kingdom and Russia. Mr.
 Wallhead challenged any firm
 trading with Russia to show that
 the Soviet had defaulted.

Mr. G. M. Kindersley (Conserva-
 tive, Hitchin), condemning Russia's
 repudiation of certain debts, de-
 clared:—"Let Moscow withdraw
 the boycott of British goods in
 China and some good will be done."

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, Presi-
 dent of the Board of Trade,
 denied that there had been a
 change in British policy since 1921,
 and opposed the amendment.

Credit built up on good faith could
 only be maintained by good faith.

LOAN SOCIETY.

Another Manila Association.

Prominent local residents and
 business men have organised a new
 mutual building and loan associa-
 tion, called La Provisora Filipina.
 Sociedad Mutua de Construcion y
 Prestitos, with an authorized
 capital not to exceed £20,000,000,
 incorporation papers having been
 approved by Director Fidel A.
 Reyes of the bureau of commerce
 and industry.

The association will be the
 fourth of its kind in Manila, in
 addition to the postal savings bank
 of the Philippine Islands operated
 by the bureau.

The new institution has sub-
 scribed capital stock of P312,000
 and paid up stock of P237,000.
 The incorporators are Antonio Ma-
 Barretto, Alfonso Rocha, Antonio
 M. Opisco, Jose A. Barretto, Henry
 Herman, Vicente Delgado, Enrique
 Delgado, Enrique Maspis, Alex-
 ander Bachrach and Pedro Mata.
 The directors are Antonio Ma-
 Barretto, Alfonso Rocha, Antonio
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 ander Bachrach, Pedro Mata and
 Vicente L. Legarda.

Like the El Hogar Filipino, La
 Urbana and Manila Building and
 Loan Associations, the La Pro-
 visora Filipina will engage in sell-
 ing stocks, loans to industry, foster-
 ing habits of thrift and savings
 and financing building construc-
 tion. The charter runs 50 years.

Cramps in the Stomach.

No need of suffering from cramps in
 the stomach or intestinal pains. Chap-
 bard's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy
 never fails to relieve the most severe
 cases. Get it to-day; there will be no
 time to send for it after the attack
 comes on. For sale everywhere.

3½ PER CENT.

LOWEST BOND INTEREST
 SINCE 1914.

An American Issue.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 11.

An American Government Bond
 issue of \$500,000,000 bearing in-
 terest at the rate of 3½ per cent.
 has been offered at \$101 maturing
 in 30 years.

The issue has been fully
 subscribed.

This is the lowest interest rate
 proposed by the Treasury since
 before the War.

COAL INDUSTRY.

Commission's Report Well
 Received.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 11.

The excellent manner in which
 the members of the Coal Commis-
 sion have carried out their task is
 everywhere recognised, and the
 report is classed as being of the
 most authoritative character of the
 industry ever issued.

Several Labour members in the
 Parliamentary Lobby, who have
 given early impressions, discover
 many good constructive points,
 notably the suggestion of royalties
 where coal is proved, but they are
 emphatic in their declaration that
 the miners will not hear of a pro-
 posed reduction of wages.

The weakness at which they
 point their finger is that the re-
 port does not provide a basis of
 discussion on the problem with
 which the industry is faced when
 the subsidy terminates on May 1.

EXPORTS DOWN.

Returns for November.

A sharp relapse in exports is
 shown by the Board of Trade re-
 turns for November. The total of
 560,977,357 compares with 567,083,-
 956 in October and 568,150,316 in
 November 1924.

November's decrease, in contrast
 with the previous month, was
 chiefly accounted for in iron, steel,
 cotton and woollen manufactures.
 Coal exports were rather smaller
 following a recent improvement,
 and the aggregate decline from
 January to November is upwards
 of £20,000,000.

A rise in imports from \$108,838,-
 924 in October to \$114,692,894 in
 the past month was entirely in food
 and raw materials. Purchases of
 manufactured goods were con-
 siderably smaller. Raw cotton and
 wool were the principal contribu-
 tors to the advance.

Rubber Imports Up.

Imports of rubber were only
 slightly larger, but the advance for
 the 11 months of 1925 to date ex-
 ceeds £15,000,000. The figures are:

	Nov. 1925.	Nov. 1924.
Imports	114,692,894	118,721,072
Exports	60,977,357	68,150,816
Re-exports	13,838,265	12,326,985
Total	74,515,622	80,477,801

Imports 118,883,445 114,244,130
 Exports 707,317,749 726,056,715
 Re-exports 139,766, 500 128,096,798
 Total 847,084,249 854,168,513

Imports 841,599,195 294,090,617
 Imports of motor-cars and parts
 for the current year have risen
 £3,200,000 against 1924, while ex-
 ports are up by £2,700,000. Silk
 manufactures entering the country
 are less by \$1,000,000 but artificial
 silks are larger by \$1,700,000. Ex-
 ports of silk have declined \$326,000
 with a rise in artificial silks of
 \$322,000.

The variations in November have
 raised the visible adverse balance
 on the year to \$341,599,196, in con-
 trast with \$294,090,617 in 1924.

LATEST WILLS.

Mr. William P. Baker (68),
 of Bournemouth, lately
 managing director of
 James Baker and Sons,
 Limited, of Bournemouth, died at
 his residence, Waverley, Bournemouth,
 on March 10, 1926.

Mr. Alexander Glendinning
 (78), of Huddersfield,
 chairman of Glendinning
 Brothers, Limited, wool-
 len cloth manufacturers
 (net personalty £25,569) died on
 March 10, 1926.

Mr. Varenne Fitz Warren,
 of Bridgnorth, Salop, died on
 March 10, 1926.

Mr. Herbert T. M. Hill, of
 Golders, Green, N.W.,
 estate agent and sur-
 veyor, died on March 10, 1926.

COMBINE AGE.

Canadian Concerns To
 Amalgamate.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Montreal, March 11.

The Canada Steamship Lines
 have amalgamated with the Great
 Lakes Transportation and the
 George Hall Coal Shipping Corpora-
 tion, involving an investment of
 \$12,000,000.

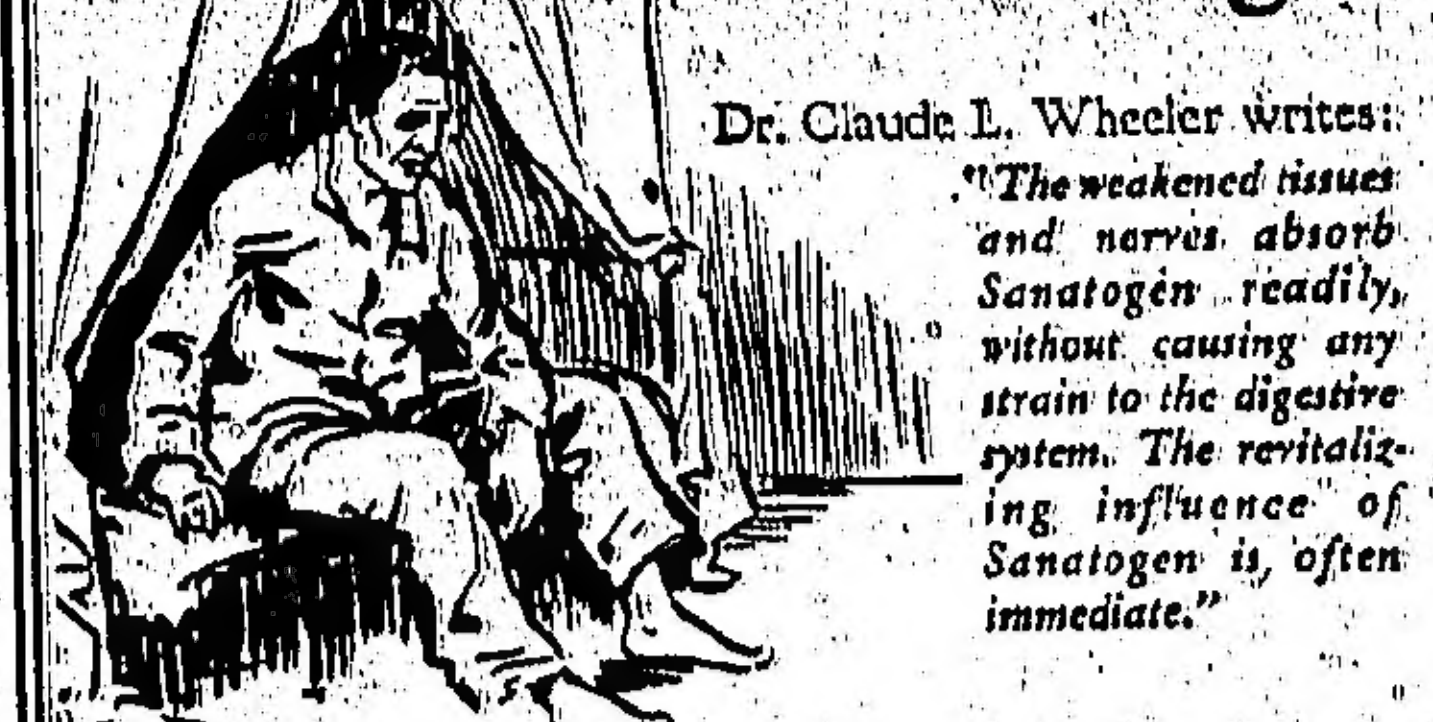
BANK MEETING.

Yokohama Specie Figures
 By Cable.

The local office of the Yokohama
 Specie Bank, Ltd. is in receipt of a
 cablegram from their head office to
 the effect that at the 92nd half-
 yearly meeting of shareholders held
 at Yokohama on March 10, there
 was shown a net profit of
 ¥14,805,990.91 including ¥568,-
 628.43 carried over from last
 account.

It was resolved to pay a dividend
 of 13½ per annum (absorbing
 ¥6,000,000) for the half year ended
 December 31, 1925, to add to re-
 serve fund ¥3,000,000, and to carry
 forward ¥5,805,990.91 to the next
 account.

New Strength



Dr. Claude L. Wheeler writes:
 "The weakened tissues
 and nerves absorb
 Sanatogen readily,
 without causing any
 strain to the digestive
 system. The revitaliz-
 ing influence of
 Sanatogen is often
 immediate."

Sanatogen infuses into the very cells of blood and
 nerves exactly those elements—phosphorus and
 albumin—from which health and strength are derived.

When you feel weak or nervous, start taking
 Sanatogen at once. You will enjoy its revivifying
 influence within a few weeks.

SANATOGEN
 The True Tonic-Food
 Obtainable at all chemists and stores.

HONGKONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

February 8, June, June,
 1926, 1918, 1914.

Butcher Meat.

	1926.	1918.	1914.
Beef Sirloin	lb. 24 12	24 12	24 12
Prime Cut	32 28 12	32 28 12	32 28 12
Corned	32 28 12	32 28 12	32 28 12
Roast	32 24 22	32 24 22	32 24 22
Breast	30 20 18	30 2	

FLOWER SHOW.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON PROSPECTS.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

H. E. the Governor and Lady Clement visited the Flower Show yesterday after our edition had gone to press. Later in the day, Lady Clement gave away the trophies and was presented with a bouquet in a silver holder.

Mr. F. C. Hall, president of the Hongkong Horticultural Society, offered thanks to all those who had made the show a success, and to the H.K.V.D.C. for the loan of the ground.

The present committee comprises:

Mr. C. E. H. Lewis, Mr. Chou Pong-yan, Mr. R. L. Dowbiggan, Mrs. Dyer, Mr. H. Green, Mr. Ho Kom-tang, Mr. A. Perry, Mr. J. A. Plummer, and Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. E. C. Hornell (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. A. Piercy (Hon. Treasurer).

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Armoured Car Company.

The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Armoured Car Company on Monday, March 15 at 5.30 p.m.

Rifle Meeting: April 4 and 5. Entries are required for The Machine Gun Competition and other events at the above meeting. Teams to consist of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men. Any N.C.O. who can get 2 men may enter and he will arrange his own training.

Entries to reach Headquarters by Monday, March 15.

Infantry Company.

Musket Course Part I will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, March 14, 1926.

Only those who have been specially detailed will fire.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Headquarters on Friday, March 12, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 13, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Scottish Company.

The Scottish Company will find the Guard of Honour on the occasion of the investiture by H.R.H. Prince George, K.G., G.C.V.O. on Saturday, March 13.

The Guard will be in position on the lawn opposite the North Entrance to Government House by 10.40 a.m.

All ranks in the Guard of Honour will wear review order dress and orders and decorations. The Commander will be Lieut. D. C. Logan, M.C.

No. 6 (Kowloon) Platoon will parade at the Dockyard on Wednesday, March 17 at 5.30 p.m. for practice in Guard Mounting.

"Quarry Bay" Coy. Hums 3 (Fire Control) and 5 (Guard Mounting) as detailed in orders of last week will be completed for at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, March 18 at 5 p.m.

Dress for Competitors as detailed for Guard of Honour.

Strength.

The following are taken on the Strength as follows:

No. 1027 Pte. A. T. Braley, No. 3 Platoon, as from March 5, 1926.

No. 1028 Pte. F. S. Gumley, M.I. Company, as from March 8, 1926.

No. 1029 Pte. R. A. Jardine, M.I. Company, as from March 8, 1926.

No. 1030 Pte. R. Y. Frost, A. C. Company, as from March 8, 1926.

No. 1031 Pte. R. MacIntyre, A. C. Company, as from March 8, 1926.

No. 1032 Pte. T. J. McCarr, Artillery Company, as from March 9, 1926.

No. 1033 Pte. J. C. Lyle, No. 2 Platoon, as from February 27, 1926.

Appointment.

The following is extracted from the Hongkong Government Gazette dated March 6, 1926.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Company Sergeant-Major Henry Charles Macnamara to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from March 3, 1926."

Reversion.

No. 454 Corp. V. H. C. Jarrett, Engineer Company is permitted to revert to the rank of Sapper at his own request, as from March 8, 1926.

Transfer.

No. 454 Spr. V. H. C. Jarrett, Engineer Company is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from March 8, 1926.

Leave.

No. 423 Serr. G. T. Padgett, Engineer Company is granted 7 months' leave from April 1, 1926 to September 31, 1926.

No. 526 Spr. C. P. Bond, Engineer Company is granted 10 months' leave from March 20, 1926 to December 19, 1926.

No. 1002 Bugler C. E. Warren, No. 2 Platoon is granted 10

FASTER ROUTE.

LINKING UP WEST AND ORIENT.

POLAR EXPEDITIONS.

New York, March 2.

"The discovery of a new and faster route between the western world and the orient is the chief purpose of the half-dozen North Polar expeditions being planned for the coming spring and summer," declared Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, in an interview today. Stefansson is acting as adviser to one of the expeditions which will hop off next May from Point Barrow, Alaska.

He said that he might go all the way to Point Barrow but would not attempt to accompany the planes in their dash toward Spitzbergen.

"The year 1926 seems destined to take its place in history along with the years of Columbus and Magellan's explorations," said Stefansson. "A new route across the roof of the world, shortening the journey from Europe of the far east by several weeks, would certainly rank with any of the discoveries of the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries."

He said that another reason for the many expeditions was the growing belief that a large body of land exists around the North Pole. He believed that land might be found and ridiculed the hope of finding a continent. "You might as well search for a cow in a bird cage," said Stefansson, who believes a glance at the map will prove that no considerable body of land exists north of Alaska. He thought it possible that land capable of bearing vegetation and sustaining life might be discovered in the Arctic regions.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" on Mar. 11:—Mr J. A. Alf, Mr and Mrs C. L. Kaser, Mr R. C. Reaker, Mr W. Davies, Mr F. E. Ehardt, Mr J. E. Hargreaves, Mr Geo. Hogg, Mr T. Hunter, Mr L. C. Rhodes, Mr D. W. Kwok, Mr T. C. Kwong, Mr H. Y. Kai, Mr Shao Ming-ling, Mr A. Mogabgab, Mr H. M. Isaydah, Mrs S. F. Tsai, Mr Wong, Mr and Mrs W. C. Davis, Mr James Simpson, Rev. and Mrs H. W. Stewart, Miss L. S. Stewart, Miss F. Stewart, Mr and Mrs N. S. Volkoff, Mr L. Menendez, Mr, Mrs and Master R. Phillips, Master L. Phillips, Master H. Phillips, Mr Bransley M. Pugh, Mr L. Polo, Mr Lal Jung-shin, Mr Ng Bing-foon, Mr C. M. Jackson, Miss Azevedo, Mr R. O. Hall, Mr T. Z. Kao, Mr S. K. Liang, Mr and Mrs I. B. Newcomb, Miss Newcomb, Mr and Mrs Siskin, Mr T. S. Mai, Mr Y. L. Oi, Mr M. C. Su, Master Su, Mr S. C. Tong, Mr W. C. Wong, and Mrs K. L. Wong.

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ARREST IN AMERICA WITH BRIDE

Martin Durkin, the most hand-
some and most popular murderer
in the United States, was captured
on January 20 by the Chicago
police after a hunt that has lasted
two years.

Durkin is 23 years of age and
has killed three policemen and
wounded three others, but, as his
mother told the authorities:
"he has such fine qualities," which
perhaps accounts for the fact that
the prison governor has already re-
ceived scores of tender missives
addressed to him by Chicago girls.

According to maternal testimony,
Durkin was always considerate and
generous. Even when he stole
motor-cars, she said, "he was
careful to steal only from dealers
who were protected by insurance."

Durkin was arrested with his 19-
years-old bride in the drawing-
room apartment of the St. Louis-
Kansas express. His wife did not
know he was a criminal, but she
says she loves him none the less.

Captivated By Dance.
Durkin was trapped in the
autumn of 1923 at Sacramento,
with his sweetheart, Betty Warner,
but in the police station Betty did
a dancing dance that so captivated
the officers of the law that Durkin
was able to slip away unnoticed.

Two weeks ago he married a girl
called Emma Sullivan and went for
a honeymoon in a stolen car. In
jail, while the doors were
crowded with eager girls, Durkin
snapped his fingers. "Die on the
gallows," he asked. "I laugh. A
good alibi, a clever lawyer, and it's
a cinch."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Australia" from Hongkong on
Feb. 19 arrived at Vancouver on
March 10.

The P. L. S.S. "Gaelic Prince"
from New York sailed from Shang-
hai on March 9 and is expected to
arrive here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" left Kobe yesterday at 6 p.m.
and was due at Yokohama to-day
at 2 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" will leave for Manila at 5
p.m. on March 16.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Vancouver for Hong-
kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on March 6 and is due here
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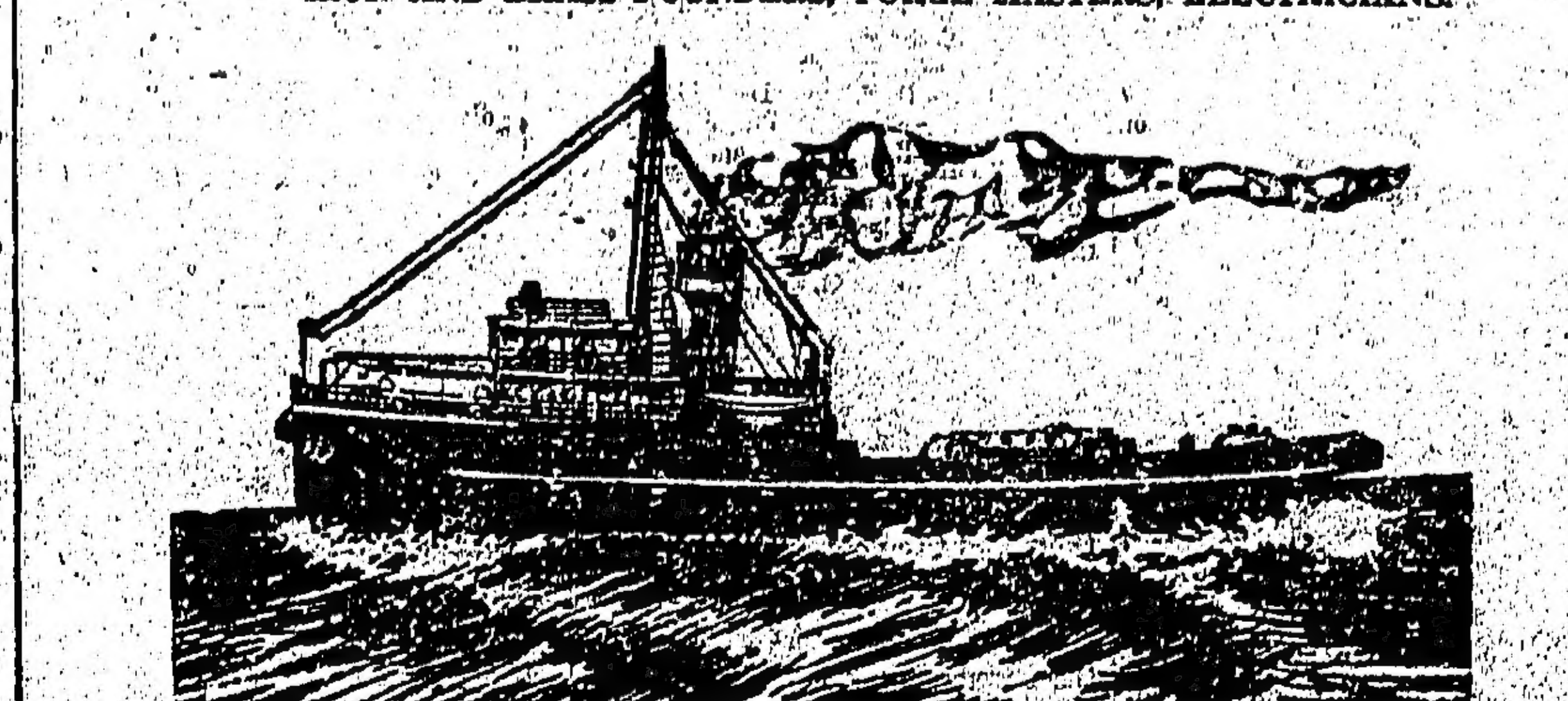
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NAVAL PROTECTION.

Very little of real local interest was disclosed in the First Lord's statement on the Navy Estimates, or in the subsequent debate, in the House of Commons yesterday. It is true that reference was made to the presence of His Majesty's ships on the China Station last year doing something to reassure British residents of adequate protection during the various crises, but with due deference to the First Lord that is only what is to be expected as occasion arises. It is a form of insurance of British subjects abroad for which the British taxpayer at home cheerfully pays, besides which there are from time to time indirect contributions from the Colonies, as witness Hongkong's generous contribution last year. This contribution was once again alluded to by the First Lord yesterday, when he spoke of the amount to be spent this year on the Singapore Base, revealing that of the expenditure of £225,000 the British Government would have to pay only £95,000, the balance being taken from the remainder of Hongkong's contribution, a portion of which, it may be remembered, has already gone toward the construction of the floating dock for Singapore.

The only other local reference was in regard to the "Vindictive," when Mr. Bridgeman disclosed that this is the first British cruiser to be built with catapult-launched aeroplanes. In passing, it is curious to see that the First Lord spoke of the "Vindictive" as being on her way to China, although she has been in Hongkong waters since February 22. He was pressed by a Conservative member in the person of Commander D. C. Burney to state whether it is proposed to send any more warships out to China, but he discreetly refused to be drawn. If, as Mr. Bridgeman stated, the presence of His Majesty's ships on the China Station has added to the feeling of security on the part of British subjects out here, it is no less reassuring to find that this same aspect is kept to the fore in the mind of the Admiralty, and that on the occasion of any future crisis an appeal for the despatch of further warships will not be made in vain. The process of "showing the flag" in troubled waters has usually a two-fold effect, for while it induces confidence in the hearts of British subjects, it likewise serves

the very excellent purpose of showing to others that the Union Jack is as powerful at sea as it is on land.

Although the community here is undoubtedly interested in the Singapore Base, it is not to be expected that any great enthusiasm will be evinced over that part of the debate in the House of Commons in which the old bogey of a Far Eastern war was once again trotted out and the threadbare allegation reiterated that Japan and China have had their suspicions raised as to the object of the Base. It was thought that that delusion had been shattered long ago as the outcome of the speeches by Japanese statesmen who see nothing in the construction of the Base to warrant the slightest misgivings in Japan. Apparently Singapore is anathema to certain M.P.'s at home, and they cannot hear the word without experiencing a nervous upset. It is only a pity that a more suitable place than the House of Commons cannot be found for these dismal Jeremiahs.

PASSPORTS.

The League of Nations Second International Passport Conference is to meet in Geneva in May next. All the Governments of the world have been invited to attend, and a number of international organizations, such as the International Union of Railway Administration and the International Chamber of Commerce, the two latter taking part in the discussions in an advisory capacity. It is five years since the League held its first passport conference, and the replies of the Governments to a recent questionnaire, sent them by the League's advisory and technical committee for communications and transit show that, while a number of States are still not prepared to abolish the passport system altogether, there is a general desire to go a good deal further than the Paris Conference of 1920. The coming conference is expected to take at least a step towards the abolition, to the widest extent possible of the passport system, and to mitigate considerably the disadvantages and expense which that system entails for the relations between peoples and for international trade facilities. If this step is taken, most people will applaud it. The passport horror, as it is generally known, is a product of the great war. It was a step made necessary by the war, and few there are to argue that it is altogether unnecessary. A passport then as it is now—is a testimonial of no little worth. When holders have objected it has been on the reasonable ground of the trouble, to which they have been put to obtain the passport, the cost of them, and the cost of visas. There has been a feeling of imposition and a suspicion that certain countries were making a fine penny out of it. These objections have not wholly disappeared, but we are tending toward the abolition of all of them. Whether the time will arrive when there will be no need to possess a passport cannot be said. Probably the Locarno spirit will invade the passport realm of officialdom and we shall reach the time when it is the case that no one will be reluctant to admit him or

her to any particular country. In the present state of politics the world over, and the temper of politicians of a certain hue, this seems to be far distant. The coming Conference will consider what facilities the Governments are prepared to grant to make the issue of passports and visas easier; that they should hold good for five years, should be valid for all countries, and should not cost more than what it costs the Governments. On the principle of half a loaf being better than no bread, many will wish the Conference success in this part of its deliberations.

THEY SAY THAT—

"A safe rule is not to talk about another person at all unless you can speak good of his name."—Frank W. Crowder.

"Beware of your eyes. They don't always tell the truth."—Sir William Bragg.

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"It would be very helpful if all candidates for the teaching profession were required to show their ability to use good English."—Katherine K. Robbins.

"At the beginning, all Christianity could have been summed up in two words, 'Follow me'."—Harry E. Fosdick.

"If ever a man was tempted—lured even by his friends to compromise with evil—it was Lincoln."—Kenneth B. Wales.

"Aren't we putting the multiplication tables ahead of the Sermon on the Mount?"—William McAdoo.

"There should be neither Protestant nor Catholic, native-born nor immigrant, white man or black, but that all, moved by a common impulse, should promote the peace and welfare of their country in the daily interminglings of common life."—Chandler Robbins.

"The success of peace machinery in the last analysis will depend upon the extent that the spirit of the love of God controls the actions of mankind."—C. Everett Wagner.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN GIBSON.

The death took place at the French Hospital last night of Mr. John Gibson, of the Green Island Cement Company, following a brief illness in the course of which he underwent a serious operation. The late Mr. Gibson was 81 years of age. He had originally come to Hongkong, six years ago, with Jardine, Matheson and Co. and had also been with the Talkoo Sugar Refinery before he went to the Green Island Cement Company.

Having served in the Royal Navy during the war in surface craft and submarines, the late Mr. Gibson held a chief engineer's certificate when he first came to Hongkong.

Much sympathy will be extended to the widowed mother at Hume and to the deceased's sister, the wife of Mr. James Adams, of Kowloon Dock, and his brother-in-law.

FIRST AID.

YAMATI MEMBERS TO THE FORE.

First aid was rendered by two members of the Yamati Division of the St. John Ambulance Association to a small boy who sustained injuries to his head after having been knocked down by a motor cycle, at the junction of Temple Street and Public Square Street, on Tuesday evening. The case was taken subsequently to the Kwong Wah Hospital for further treatment.

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SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The Chinese temperance movement seems to be changing so rapidly that some quite modern films and stories will soon be out of date unless something is done about it quickly. An essential in all film crime stories is the placid Oriental, who grows more and more placid in proportion as the bomb-fuse burns shorter and shorter, and things look all up with the hero, bound hand-and-foot (47th episode next, week). Young China today seems to be throwing placidity to the winds, and to be the prey to that peculiar Western weakness which we call nerves. In a few years time it looks as if young China will be gathering fifty thousand strong and killing each other at football matches.

Now that the completion of the Australian Match Test, team is accomplished, cricket memories will have freer play. One recalls, for example, the curious conditions obtaining when the first M.C.C. team went to Australia. The tour was arranged by private enterprise. Spiers and Pond were responsible, and their officials met the team at Melbourne and drove them round in a coach and four. At the first match the British players wore white helmets and long sashes. These sashes were all different colours, and the colours were shown against the programme. Although such conditions would be ludicrous to-day, our authorities might at least take a tip from this first team and provide some means of identification of the players for the humble casual cricket spectator.

AN HISTORICAL MYSTERY.

All the world loves a mystery, and a large part of the world loves a crime. Therefore Judge Parry has been well advised to take again the story of the Overbury case. As a murder—if it was a murder—it stands alone in history, for it brings a King of England into suspicion of helping to poison a man who had offended his favourite's lust. As a mystery it still defies the research of the learned and the imagination of the ingenious, for no satisfactory explanation of the queer conduct of the chief actors has yet been devised. People at the time thought it was the strangest thing that had ever happened, and they had seen the Gunpowder Plot, and were only thirty years away from the Armada. The father of the man who was (or was not) murdered tells us (remarks the London "Daily Telegraph") that for a quarter of a century after the death he was usually followed in the street by a crowd calling, "There goes Sir Thomas Overbury's father." This is indeed fame. The story of poisoning is embroiled with the lurid colours of Court intrigue, of a great lady's adulterous passion, of the plots of high policy, of sorcery, and of witchcraft. Judge Parry is well aware of the fascination of these elements. His account of "The Overbury Mystery," which Fisher Unwin publishes, is as good reading as a novel. He has no solution of his own, distrusts other people's opinions of the case, and austere declines to "bend the facts" to fit any theory. Yet we close his book with a feeling that he has been rather kind to "the pitiful beautiful woman" who pleaded guilty to a charge of murder, rather harsh to the man who died in the Tower, rather incurious as to the part of his Majesty King James I.

But let us sum up the admitted facts. "Our British Solomon," James I., came to England provided with a handsome favourite, Robert Carr, who could do anything with and get anything from his Majesty. The favourite had himself a favourite, a clever young Oxford man, Thomas Overbury, who became his chief adviser in the task of rising in the world. The King had from his accession set himself to reverse the Elizabethan policy of hostility to Spanish power. The leader of the Spanish party in England was the Earl of Northampton, who had a niece of great beauty. Judge Parry's theory is that Northampton used this girl Frances to secure Carr to the Spanish side. It is very possible. Carr was equally capable of desiring the girl in order to obtain the Howard influence. But there is reason to believe that the passion was sincere on both sides, and at least as hot in the lady as in the man. The fact that she was already married was inconvenient, but the King was ready to do what he could, which was much. The husband, Lord Essex, unkindly refused to arrange a divorce. The King appointed a Commission to try a suit for nullity of marriage, and when, in spite of scolding, the majority were stubborn, put in new members to vote a decree. Now Overbury had been very willing that Carr should make Lady Essex his mistress, and wrote love-letters and poetry for him. By all the signs Carr was a dull dog. But to his marrying the lady Overbury was bitterly opposed. He had reason enough in her manner of life. Probably he was opposed to the politics of her family. She was furious, and her uncle, Northampton arranged that Overbury should be sent to the Tower, and a new lieutenant appointed to take charge of him. There was no difficulty. The King was jealous of Overbury's intimacy with his favourite. Carr was in the arms of the lady. On April 26, 1613, Overbury went into the Tower. On September 18, 1613, in the Tower, he died, and a jury of widders and fellow-prisoners at once gave a verdict of natural

death. And Carr and Lady Essex married and all was well. Two years afterwards it happened that a Secretary of State came upon evidence that Overbury had been poisoned.

Without lack of clarity we may believe that evidence would never have been heard of if Carr had kept the King's favour. But he was a stupid creature. He behaved like a spoiled child, and his enemies, the anti-Spanish party, brought in a rival, another handsome youth, George Villiers. Before long Villiers was all in all to his Majesty, and Carr's enemies dared to strike. The Spanish party had lost Northampton, its best leader. They could not stand against the attack. The evidence was most unpleasant. Lady Essex had dealt in poisons, black magic, and witchcraft. There had been figures of men and women, philtres and spells, parchments inscribed with the names of devils, and Jesuits to the Blessed Trinity. There were also much arsenic and a clyster of sublimate of mercury. The underlings, the purveyors and ministrants of poison, were tried and hanged. Lady Essex stood her trial and pleaded guilty. The King endeavoured to extract a confession from Carr, and met a stubborn refusal. Carr also was tried, and with one voice the peers brought him in guilty. That was the end of it. Neither the man nor the woman was hanged. In a little while they were both pardoned and free. Only the wretched creatures they employed were punished. And a puzzled world still asks why. That we submit to Judge Parry, is the most intriguing problem of the Overbury case. We should not care to say that Overbury died of poison. His health was so weak, his treatment in the Tower was so brutal, that the poison may have been superfluous. It is a matter for medical evidence, which cannot be given. But of the intention to murder, there can be no doubt. The substitution of officers in the Tower is damning, the testimony to the administration of poison is overwhelming. To the change of the Lieutenants of the Tower the King must have been privy. In the poisoning the apothecary of the King's physician was involved. Yet that physician was never called at the trials. That the King was jealous of Overbury is established. Some have thought this evidence amounts to more than suspicion. We cannot feel it so. James I. was a contemptible creature, but we judge him too cowardly to dabble in murder. Why, then, did he pardon Carr and Carr's wife? It was, grossly unpopular. It was by any plain reading of the evidence unjust. Carr was out of favour, and the dominant influence at Court, his supplanter Villiers, had no reason for mercy. The greatest historian of the period, himself inclined to partiality to James, thought the pardon was given because Carr knew more about the King's dealings with Spain than his Majesty cared to have told. But what could a man tell who was hanged? It may be that the Spanish party had some secret to explode upon the King if he sacrificed their instrument. But in such an explosion the Spanish interests must have been destroyed. No more plausible is the theory that Carr could have exposed shameful secrets of King and Court. The answer again is "stone dead hath no fellow." The dead are silent. What, indeed, could Carr have told worse of James than common fame? Yet some reason there must have been. We incline to believe that it must be found in the King's cowardice. He was all his life following the will of the wife of an alliance with Spain. He would do anything, he sacrificed Raleigh rather than offend Spain. Imagine him, it is in his character, in a panic lest the execution of Carr should offend the Spanish Ambassador, and we have the pardon explained.

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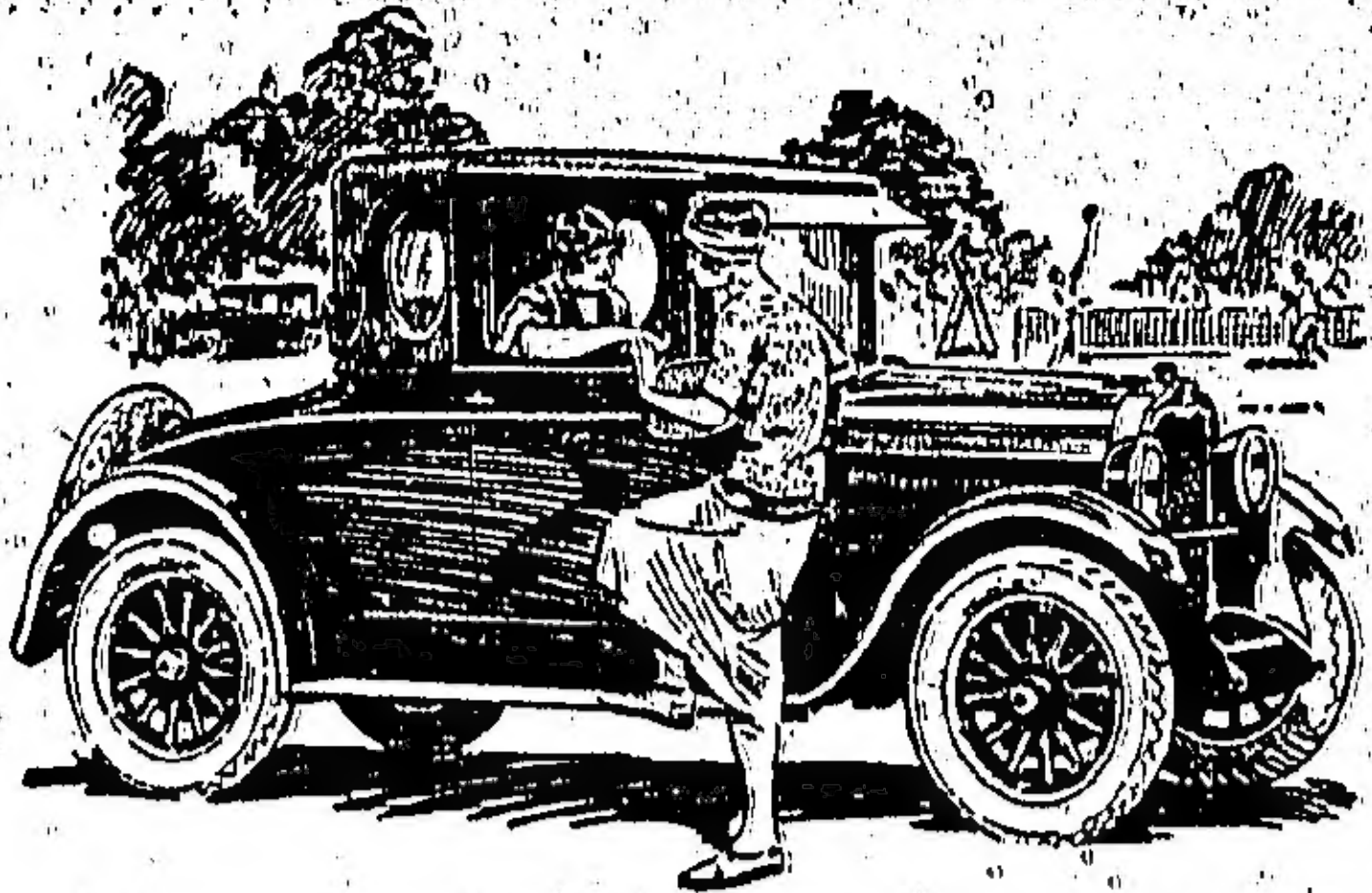
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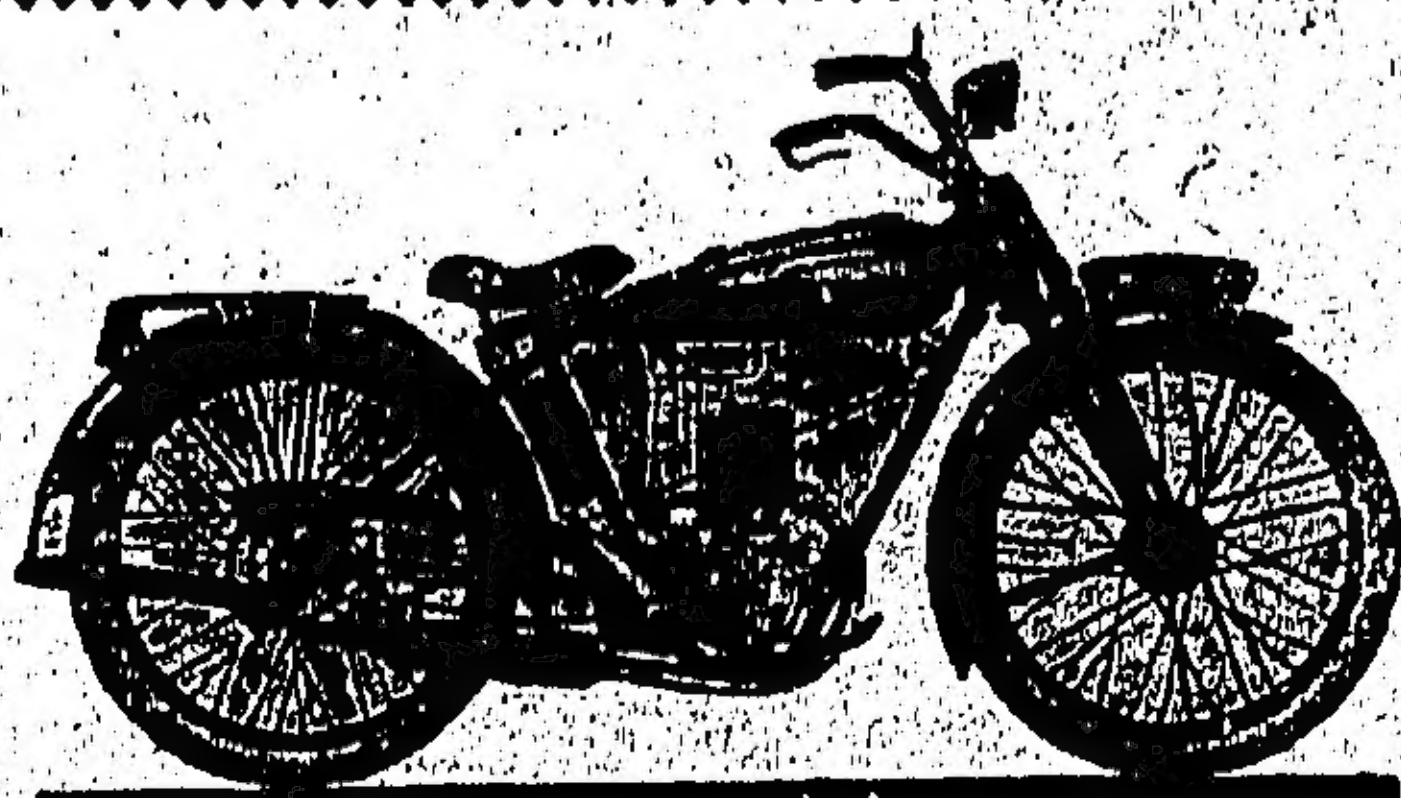
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The symphony orchestra of H.M.S. "Hawkins" is to play at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday next at 9.15 p.m.

The Water Authority notifies that on and after Monday, the supply of water by means of house services to houses connected with the rider mains will be discontinued until further notice, and a supply of water will be given by street fountains in the rider main districts.

Mr. S. Tashiro, superintendent of the Tokio Salvage Co.'s salvage vessel "Azuma Maru" (local agents, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha) and Captain K. Miyazaki (master) have successfully refloated the O.S.K. steamer "Aikawa Maru" which ran on rocks in Fu Tan Mun Pass (near the eastern entrance to Hongkong harbour). The damaged ship was taken to Kowloon Bay to await docking.

The Annual Conference, the governing body of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in the Cervantes Church on Avenida Rizal, Manila declared itself in favour of the Philippines independence but advised ministers to remain aloof from all forms of practical politics except where moral and spiritual issues are directly concerned. The conference by a large vote also affirmed its faith in the leadership of Bishop Charles Bayard Mitchell.

Manila city councilors have approved in principle an ordinance prohibiting holding of marathons, dances or similar entertainments. Marathons at carnivals would be barred by the measure but Santa Ana and Lerma cabarets, where similar affairs have been held from time to time, are not affected since both are beyond the corporate limits. The ordinance penalizes with imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine not exceeding P500 promoters or groups of persons who dance the marathons or engage in any recreations or entertainments which tend to weaken the participants to the last degree.

On Wednesday, there was one case of small-pox, one of diphtheria, and one of enteric fever (all Chinese).

Mr. A. H. Crook is to lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday next at 5.30 p.m. His subject will be "Our local sea-side plants."

Sealed Tenders will be received at the R.N. Hospital until 10 a.m. on March 20, 1926, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Poultry, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other provisions, and necessities for the year ending March 31, 1927. Printed forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

So great is the interest that is being shown in the Test matches between Australia and England in the summer that already the 3,000 bookable seats at Lord's for the second Test in June have been sold. Everywhere cricketers are rushing to obtain all the bookable accommodation, and even at the Oval, where the last Test will be played in August, many of the 2,800 reserved seats have been acquired.

French detectives have been sent out in an endeavour to trace the whereabouts of missing art treasures owned by George Bakmeteff, former Russian Ambassador at Washington, who last November shipped the treasures by slow steamer to his brother-in-law, Truxton Beale, in Washington. The treasures include a silver statue of George Washington, a bronze clock with an effigy of Washington, which was a gift of Lafayette to Thomas Truxton, and a silver soup dish with the inscription, "Presented to Commodore Stephen Decatur by the citizens of Baltimore." The valuable articles were shipped without special protection against loss.

An interesting sign of the times is the publication by that great German newspaper, the Berliner Tageblatt, of a monthly edition in English.

Would Shakespeare have refused to write "Hamlet" if he had known that on his death the bulk of the profits would have gone to the community instead of to his friends or descendants?—Mr. C. F. Masterman.

Traffic control in Calcutta still engages the close attention of the police authorities, who state that they are at present understaffed. The appointment of an official to concentrate on traffic alone is advocated.

A Chinese correspondent wrote to the "Malay Mail" deprecating the custom of his countrymen of firing crackers for their New Year. Formerly regarded as luck-bringing, and a protection from evil spirits, he thinks that the custom is now a mere nuisance, as well as likely in some cases to cause fire.

Establishment of a permanent fire prevention office, building of a new fire station at Tayuman Street, construction of additional fire hydrants, re-enforcement of the personnel of the fire department and increase of their salaries and greater appropriation for his office annually are some of the important recommendations of Chief Vanderford in his annual report to the mayor of Manila.

The film "A Day at Doorn," which seems to have aroused some provincial audiences so much, enraged the Germans even more. A writer in one of the leading German dailies, speaking of the ex-Kaiser, "who forsook his army because the Field-Marshal could not guarantee his security," says that he is not surprised at Wilhelm's success as film actor, "for in truth he never was anything else. He has at last found his true calling." Wilhelm's talking of French gold is a bitter pill for the Germans to swallow.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Geo. Hogg returned to the Colony yesterday by the "Empress of Canada."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Ivan Gope, Civil Engineer of Shanghai, to Mrs. Annie Bradford, widow, of London.

The Resident of Penak has appointed the following gentlemen to form the Town Planning Committee, Ipoh: President, the Chairman of the Kinta Sanitary Board; Deputy President, the Town Planning Administrator, Ipoh; Members: State Engineer, Penak, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Kinta, Mr. R. P. Brash, J. P., Mr. A. N. Kenion, J. P., the Government Town Planner (ex-officio). A separate notification adds the names of the District Officer, Kinta, and the District Engineer, F.M.S. Railways, Ipoh, to the above Committee.

How long should a stage kiss last? is a question which has been agitating the London theatrical profession. The matter was brought to a head by several actresses who are decidedly opposed to realistic embraces on the stage, and who, when kisses have to be given, insist on only those of the "peck" variety. These actresses have encountered opposition, however, not only from other actresses, but from producers and directors who insist on realism. One producer contended a kissing scene in his play should continue at least sixty-five seconds, and during rehearsals he held a stop watch.

A Chinese wedding of great magnificence took place on March 3, at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yung Tsong-king, 120 Seymour Road, Shanghai, when Mr. Yung Tsong-king was married to Miss Woo Ming-tzu daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woo Ung-tsz. The bridegroom a student of Nanyang College from which he will be graduated in June 1927 saw his bride for the first time at the ceremony, which was traditional in every sense except for the singing of Lohengrin's "Wedding March" by a group of eleven students from the McTear School for Girls, where the cousins of the bridegroom are in attendance. The ceremony is stated to have cost \$100,000, and 5,000 invitations were sent out to friends and acquaintances of the Yung family. Mr. Yung, senior heads cotton and flour mills in Shanghai and Wusih and he is known as the "Flour King" of Shanghai.

A display of singing, dancing and recitations will be given by the pupils of the Peak School at the Peak Club on Tuesday, March 30, at 5.15 p.m.

The Manchester Town Hall Committee has decided to recommend the City Council that the Freedom of the City be conferred on the Earl of Derby and Mr. C. P. Scott, Editor of the "Manchester Guardian" for over fifty years.

The Chinese Government has bestowed upon Jonkheer van Karnebeek, the Dutch Foreign Minister, the Grand Cross of the First Class of the Order of the Golden Rice Stalk, inlaid with precious stones.

Recent Sarawak appointments gazetted include:—Mr. W. F. Dick for duty at Barum as from date of arrival; Mr. R. E. Le Sueur to be Acting Assistant District Officer, Kapit; Mr. G. W. Aldridge, Cadet, to be Assistant Controller, Government Monopolies, both with effect from January 1; Mr. B. A. Trechman to be an Assistant Treasurer; and Mr. D. Y. Proudfoot who succeeds Mr. Thomas as Electrical Engineer.

An English woman of high social standing whose arrival in India has caused some stir in the country is Miss Madeline Slade, the daughter of Admiral Sir Edmund Slade ex-commander in chief of the East India Naval Squadron. Miss Slade intends to devote the rest of her life and personal fortune in the cause of the "Master," as she calls Mr. Gandhi. She came to know of Mr. Gandhi and his views in France through Romain Rolland, who is himself a great admirer of Mr. Gandhi in Europe. Miss Slade was so attracted with the Indian patriot's doctrines that she made the venture of coming out to India and see him for herself.

Mr. Arnold H. Hollingsworth, Assistant-Director of Public Works, is retiring very shortly on pension. Mr. Hollingsworth has spent just on thirty years in the Public Works Department of the Colony and has worked his way up in the service having joined the service as assistant engineer in December, 1896. For a few months in 1920 Mr. Hollingsworth was Acting-Director of Public Works, having previously acted as First Assistant Director. His substantive appointment as Assistant Director dates from January 1921. Mr. Mrs. and Miss Hollingsworth are booked to leave the Colony for home on the P. & O. "Morea" on April 1st.

The Queen sent a number of pots of jam from Balmoral to Berwick-on-Tweed to be sold at a bazaar held in aid of the local infirmary.

Cream and gold lacquer furniture has been made for Princess Mary's bedroom at Egerton House, Newmarket, by the disabled soldiers of the Lord Roberts Memorial workshop. These men, who are now skilled craftsmen in lacquer work, were gardeners, grocers, milkmen, and bricklayers before the war.

The King has honoured the Society of Chemical Industry by consenting to become patron of its next annual general meeting, which will be held in London during the week commencing Monday, July 19, 1926. At the opening meeting Lord Balfour will deliver the third 'fossil' memorial lecture in the Mansion House, at which the Lord Mayor of London will preside.

Miss Enid Russell-Smith has the distinction of being the first woman to pass a Civil Service examination under the new conditions admitting women to the higher Government posts. Her name appears ninth on the list of successful candidates—most of whom are men. Women who pass this examination have the chance of eventually becoming permanent under-secretaries or equally high officials with salaries of £3,000 or £3,500 a year.

Two jazz bands, one of them made up of women, are shrieking away nightly in Covent Garden and hundreds of dancers are frolicking on a temporary floor held over the seats and stage of London's home of grand opera. But Dame Nellie Melba will drive out the dancers in May, and 'Challapina' will come from America to reinforce her and fifty other artists for the season of grand opera, which will open May 10 and close July 2. The season will be long on Wagner. Lovers of the German master complained: there was not enough of his work last year; so the management will give all the four operas of the Ring as well as 'The Meistersinger' and 'Tristan and Isolde.'

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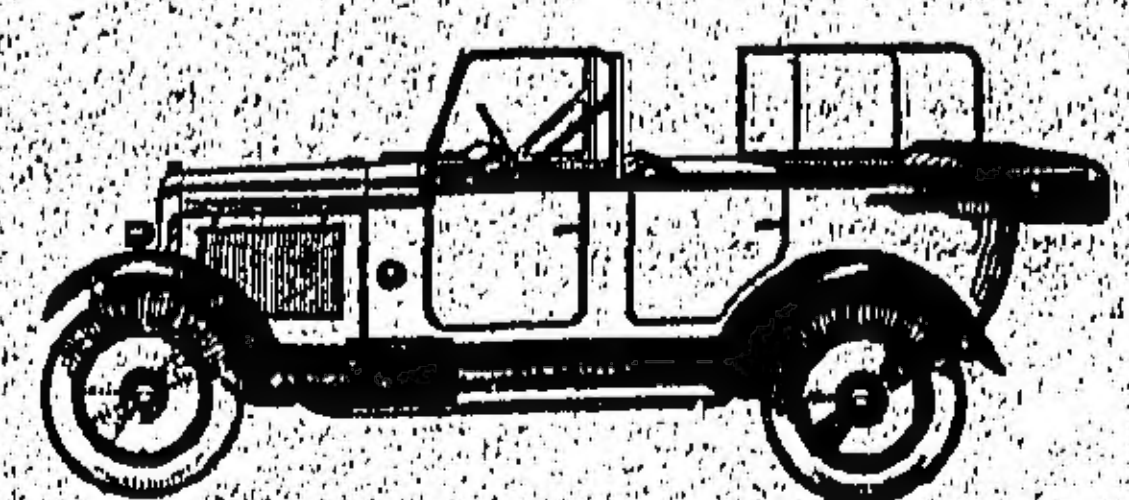
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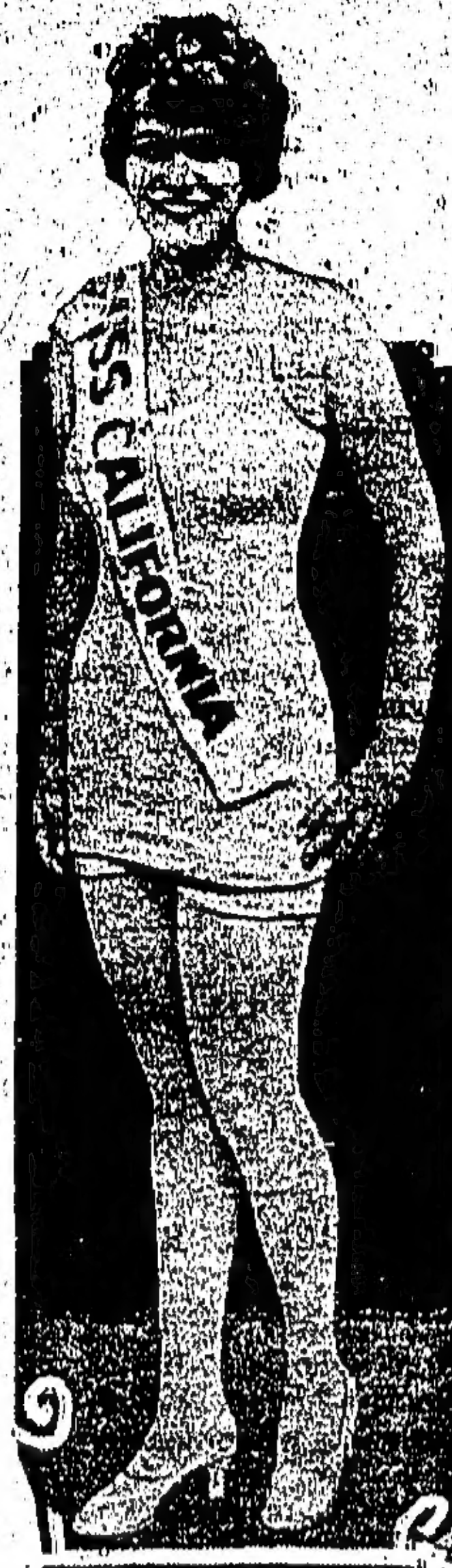
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People and Events in the News of the World



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE'S DAUGHTER.
Mr. David Lloyd George cut short a vacation trip in Italy and rushed home to be at the bedside of his daughter, Megan, who underwent an operation for appendicitis.



FAY LAMPHIER.
"Fight to the finish" is promised by Fay Lamphier, "Miss America of 1925," in a suit filed by an Oakland publicity man who charges breach of contract. He alleges, in his suit, that Miss Lamphier won the contest "on her smile."



Although James Esposito (five) has won \$4,000 by a court verdict for loss of his leg under a city truck, he is not happy about it. He prefers to play with his little friends.



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Members of the "feminine bloc" in the U.S. Congress are opposed to the Volstead Law. Mrs. Mary T. Norton (left), New Jersey, and Mrs. Florence P. Kahn (right), California, have boldly come out and joined the "beer bloc." Mrs. Edith N. Rogers (below), Massachusetts, admits that she favours modification of the prohibition laws.



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SEN. GERALD P. NYE.
By a combination of independent Republicans and Democrats, the right of Gerald P. Nye a North Dakota editor, to a seat in the United States Senate was upheld by a small margin.



New York suffered severely from heavy fogs lately, traffic being virtually paralysed on the streets and in the harbour. These girls took no chances, and carried lanterns for protection.



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British noblewomen, heirs of the late Levi Z. Leiter, the Chicago multi-millionaire, will make an effort in American courts soon, to have Joseph Leiter removed as executor of the \$10,000,000 estate. Among those who will participate in the suit are the Countess of Suffolk, Mrs. Nancy Lathrop Campbell, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe and Lady Cynthia Mosely.

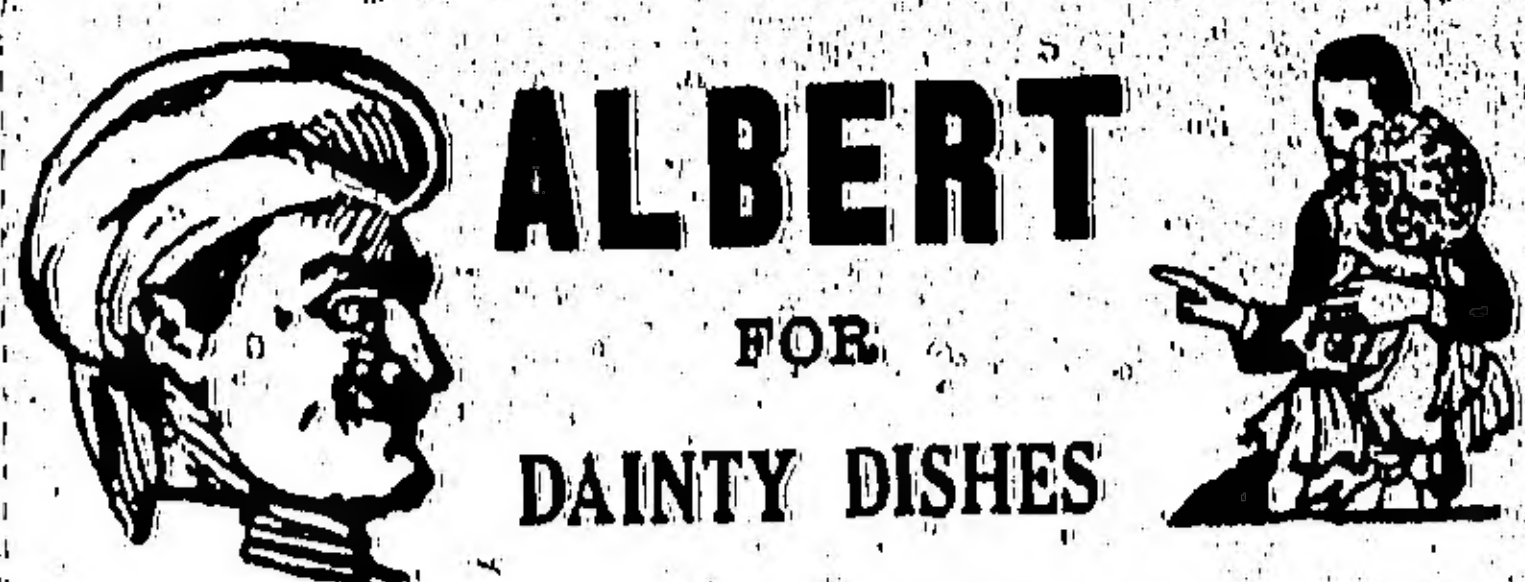
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Exit Zeppelin Terrace.

Demolition gangs are busy removing the unsightly excrescences on the roof of the Admiralty, which were built to afford extra accommodation for the office staffs during the war. No one will regret their disappearance, for "Zeppelin Terraces," as they were facetiously called, were extremely ugly, and quite without the imposing skyline of the building as viewed from St. James' Park and the Mall. The only brickwork was the extension of the chimney stacks and piles of sandbags are now being used to protect the main roof from the impact of the falling debris, vividly recalling the hurried precautions that were taken in many buildings in the Metropolis after the first visits of the enemy aeroplanes.

An Accomplished King.

King Ferdinand of Rumania has a much stronger hold upon the affections of his people than is commonly thought abroad. He is a good all-round sportsman and drives his own motor-car, though over 60, and thoroughly understands it. He is a very early riser and breakfasts with his family, courtiers appearing first at lunch. He receives Ministers during the morning and, if there is time, has a game of golf on the course recently laid out. He has been ordered golf for his health. Though he began to play at 55 he has made very rapid progress. In the afternoon he walks or motors, always driving himself. He has been suffering from hardened arteries and took baths in Normandy last year, which did him much good. He seldom misses a concert, and playing the piano is one of his favourite recreations. He speaks English, French and Russian fluently, besides Rumanian, and German. He has been learning Hungarian since the war, in compliment to his Hungarian subjects, and has made extraordinary progress in this most difficult language.



The great film star, who was in a Vienna brawl.

Explosion in Mouth.

Warning of the dangers of using a mixture of ether and oxygen in dental practice is issued by Prof. H. Dixon, F.R.S. Some months ago a man died in London as a result of an explosion of this mixture in his mouth. Dr. Charles F. Hadfield, hon. secretary of the anaesthetics committee of the Medical Research Council and the Royal Society of Medicine, states in the "Lancet" that he has learned from Prof. Dixon that mixtures of ether and oxygen ignite at comparatively low temperatures. It must be admitted (writes Dr. Hadfield) that the metal tube of a dental dressing syringe used for drying purposes might easily be at a temperature above the danger point (200 degrees Centigrade) without such a possibility occurring to the operator unacquainted with the facts.

German Fleet in 1918.

Prince Max of Baden, who was German chancellor when the Great War ended, has interposed in the dispute that has arisen about the German Admiralty's plan for attacking the British Fleet at the end of October, 1918. There was a serious mutiny of men of the fleet at Kiel at the time, caused by the fact that Admiral Von Scheer had arranged to attack the British Fleet in spite of the fact that the Government was seeking an armistice. The Socialist reporter of the appropriate Reichstag committee contended that the mutiny saved Germany from the evil results of a mutiny of the admirals. The admirals declared that the men delivered Germany into the hands of the enemy. Prince Max of Baden declares categorically that Admiral von Scheer concealed from him the fact that he meant to launch an attack.

Club Member At 7.

During the 30 years that have elapsed since its foundation, the Bath Club, Dover-street, W., has counted among its members four generations of Sir Harold Boulton's family. Sir Harold was one of the founders, his father and his son afterwards became members, and now his grandson has been elected a junior member at the age of seven. The grandson's use of the club premises will be confined to the swimming bath.

Zoo Finance.

The London Zoo has completed a survey of the year 1925—the most prosperous in its history, with the exception of 1921. Visitors numbered 1,823,822, and the total collected at the gates was 258,596. In addition, there was the sum paid at the turnstiles of the new Aquarium—£10,750—representing a total of 423,567 people who went to see the fish. A census of all the Zoo creatures, taken at midnight on December 31, gave the following figures:—

Mammals	746
Birds	1,791
Reptiles	622
Fish	8,080

The insect house does not appear to count or to be counted. This may appear to be a grievance, but the line must be drawn somewhere, otherwise the colony of giant American cockroaches (which has established itself without permission under the Reptile House) might demand to be included. The takings at the gates and turnstiles—£25,355—is by no means the total income of the Zoo. There are the Refreshment Room profits, the Fellows' subscriptions, and the fares paid by elephant passengers.

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